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EIGHT MEMBERS OF LOCAL BLOODS GANG SECT INDICTED ON FEDERAL RACKETEERING CHARGES

-- Blood members are charged with kidnapping and assaulting young female gang member who was trying to leave the gang --

WASHINGTON – Eight members of the 662 Boss Piru gang, which purports to be a sect of the notorious, nationwide Bloods gang, have been charged by a federal grand jury in a 19-count indictment with conspiracy to commit kidnapping in aid of racketeering activity, kidnapping in aid of racketeering activity, and numerous local offenses, including kidnapping, assault with a dangerous weapon, six counts of sexual abuse, and obstructing justice, U.S. Attorney Jeffrey A. Taylor, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Chief Cathy L. Lanier, and Joseph Persichini, Jr., Assistant Director in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Washington Field Office, announced today.

The eight defendants are Albert M. Price, 31, also known as "Original Gangster" and "Hellmary," the believed leader of the gang; Marisa R. Gibson, 31, also known as "Angel of Death" and "Lady 151," the believed leader of the female members of the gang; Deandre R. Tolson, 22, also known as "Bloody Sniper" and "Hellmary Jr."; Marlowe St. Claire, 20, also known as "Bloody Lo"; Ceasar M. Hall, 19, also known as "Bloody Banger"; Latoye S. Morrison, 19, also known as "Lady Wax"; Lewis E. Fields, 21, also known as "Little Psycho"; and Dimitri Hightower, 29, also known as "Miciyh Jenkins" and "Bloody Micky."

The indictment was returned under seal on September 9, 2008, and unsealed on Friday, September 12, 2008, following the arrest of several of the defendants. The defendants are scheduled to be arraigned starting today in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. If

convicted of the charges, the defendants face the possibility of life imprisonment without the possibility of release.

"The horrific and violent kidnapping and assault of a young female gang member in this case by her alleged fellow gang members is a prime example of why we must be vigilant in not allowing gangs to get a foothold in our community," said U.S. Attorney Taylor. "Working with our law enforcement partners, we will use every tool in our arsenal to bring to justice those who engage in violent criminal conduct. This indictment sends a clear message to gang members who engage in such criminal activity that there are grave consequences for their actions."

"The arrests of these individuals are a part of our continued law enforcement efforts to rid our streets of violent crime," said MPD Chief Lanier. "The District of Columbia is not and will not be a place where individuals can engage in violent activity."

"Today's announcement regarding the indictment and arrest of several members of the Bloods serves as a strong reminder that the FBI will continue to investigate reports of any violent or gang-related activity to ensure the safety of our community and its citizens," said FBI Assistant Director in Charge Perschini.

The indictment alleges that the defendants are members of a criminal organization known as 662 Boss Piru, a "set" of, that is, a sub-group of, or gang affiliated with, the Bloods gang, a violent, nationwide gang. The indictment alleges that the 662 Boss Piru gang is a criminal enterprise that has operated since at least 2004, and which engages in a variety of criminal activities including prostitution, narcotics dealing, assault, threats, witness intimidation, kidnapping, and robbery in the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, and elsewhere. According to the indictment, members of the 662 Boss Piru gang use intimidation, violence and threats of violence, including assault and kidnapping, to discipline and punish enterprise members and associates who violate enterprise rules or were disloyal.

The indictment further alleges that on June 8-9, 2008, the eight defendants kidnapped and assaulted a fellow young female gang member who was attempting to leave the gang. The alleged assault occurred in the 4900 block of Astor Place, SE, Washington, D.C. Thereafter, in a secluded area in 4500 block of Grant Street, NE, Washington, D.C., five of the defendants, Gibson, Tolson, St. Claire, Hall, Morrison, and Fields, are alleged to have forced the fellow gang member to perform sexual acts with four men that she did not know.

In announcing the indictment, U.S. Attorney Taylor, MPD Chief Lanier, and FBI Assistant Director in Charge Persichini praised the efforts of the FBI Special Agents who are investigating this matter, and the work of MPD Detectives Ali Roberts, Thurman Stallings, Neil Jones, and Derrick Bolding; MPD Sergeant Kevin Rice; MPD Officers Corey Perkins, Charles Monk, Sherrie Forester, Jeffrey Nassar, and John Salamone; MPD Evidence Technicians Natasha Pettus, Tony Nwani, Carmen Pagan, Valerie Campbell, John Holder, and James Holder; and Metro Transit Officer Lenny Smith. Also commended were U.S. Attorney's Office support

personnel Eugena Johnson, Nicole Lee, James Mazzitelli, Kim Hall, and Teesha Tobias, and Assistant U.S. Attorneys Mark O'Brien and Greg Marshall, who are prosecuting the case.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.

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